A petition for five months extension of time to file an Appeal Brief and a request to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916 are filed herewith.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claim:

41. An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding an interleukin-1 inhibitor (IL-1i), having interleukin-1 (IL-1) inhibitory activity, wherein said polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of:

A) a polypeptide comprising all or an IL-1 inhibitory fragment of the amino acid sequence:

(U) (X) P S G R K S S K M Q A F R I W D V N Q K T F Y L R N

N Q L V A G Y L Q G P N V N L E E K I D V V P I E P H A

L F L G I H G G K N C L S C V K S G D E T R L Q L E A V

N I T D L S E N R K Q D K R F A F I R S D S G P T T S F

E S A A C P G W F L C T A M E A D Q P V S L T N M P D E

G V M V T K F Y F Q E D E

B) a polypeptide that is at least about 90% homologous to the amino acid sequence set forth in A).

wherein (U) is M or nothing and (X) is R or P; and

and H2

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